(*b*) whether they ever made any investigation into the causes of this deterioration ;

(*c*) if so, what are the causes of deterioration ;

(*d*) whether they will find out some means to protect the oil-mill industry in the State ; and

(*e*) if no investigation has been made till now (November 1928), whether they will make an investigation for finding out the causes of deterioration and for remedying the same ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) to (*e*). The export figures of cocoanut oil for the last four years show that the oil-mill industry is not on the decline. The industry has been receiving consideration at the hands of the Government from a long time past by a protective tariff, but from enquiries recently made it is learnt that the protection now afforded does not enable it to successfully compete with oil produced elsewhere. The question of granting further protection is therefore engaging the attention of the Government.

Proposal to change the starting place of motor cars.

490. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the causes that led the Commissioner of Police to consider about the shifting of the starting place of motor cars and buses near the Iron Bridge ; and

(*b*) whether they have received any memorial or petition from the people of Alleppey protesting against this proposal ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Heavy motor traffic has made the present starting place of motor cars and buses quite unsuitable for the purpose and a change is proposed to avoid dislocation of traffic and danger to the public.

(*b*) Yes.

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